



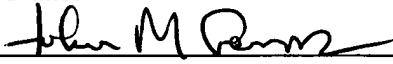
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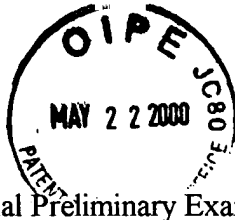
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Sir:

Applicants submit this communication in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. The subject application is the national stage application of international application PCT/SE98/01383, filed July 13, 1998. By this Information Disclosure Statement, Applicants



submit a copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report, issued October 26, 1999, in the PCT application.

**TIME OF TRANSMITTAL OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after three months of the filing date of this national application or the entry of the national stage as set forth in §1.491 in an international application or after the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, whichever event occurred last but before the mailing date of either:

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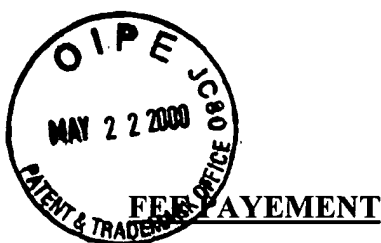
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